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FOLLOWING REPEAT CAIRO 8027 ACTION SECSTATE INFO TEL AVIV MARCH 12.

QUOTE CONFIDENTIAL CAIRO 08027

EO 11652 GDS TAGS ENRG, PBOR, IS, EG, US SUBJECT AMOCO INCIDENT

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1. WE SPOKE WITH AMOCO EGYPT PRESIDENT AT 0030 HOURS LOCAL MARCH 13. HE CONFIRMED THAT RIG 511 IS ON ORIGINAL LOCATION PLOTTED BY AMOCO AND MARKED BY FIRST BOUY. AMOCO DISCOVERED ON RETURNING TO SITE AFTER DEPARTURE OF ISRAELI BOAT MARCH 11 THAT BOUY HAD DRIFTED TO NW BUT ASSUMES THIS CAUSED BY PREVAILING WIND CURRENT AND FACT THAT ISRAELI VESSEL TIED TO IT. REGARDING PLACEMENT OF ANCHORS AND MARKER BOUY, RUBASH COULD NOT IMMEDIATELY CONFIRM THAT EASTERN ANCHORS ARE FULLY WEST OF LINE DEFINED BY 3 POINTS GIVEN AMCO BY ISRAELIS NAVY CAPTAIN (SEE CAIRO 7658). HE BELIEVES, HOWEVER, THAT CONFIDENTIAL

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AS RESULT EFFORTS SHORTEN CHAINS MAXIMUM POSSIBLE EXTENT THEY SHOULD CLEAR EVEN ISRAELI DEFINED LINE. LATEST FROM RIG AS OF 1500 LOCAL MARCH 12 IS THAT DRILLING CONTINUING; NO FURTHER CONTACT BY ISRAELI NAVY HAS BEEN REPORTED.

2. ACCORDING RUBASH, ABOVE IS ONLY INDICATION HE HAS

HAD OF BOUYS BEING MOVED AROUND. HE HAS NOT YET CONFIRMED WHICH VESSELS CURRENTLY OCCUPY MARKER SITES ON EASTERN ANCHORS BUT ASSUMES IT IS RIG 511'S OWN WORK BOATRS. EILTS UNQUOTE VANCE

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